294. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Commissioner of Police had issued orders that no buses with passengers should enter the office compound at Erattachira;

(b) if so, whether any officer of the Police Department contrary to this order took the bus inside even though the sentries on duty objected to the same; if so, what disciplinary action was taken against the officer for disobeying the Police orders ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes. He was severely warned.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What is the work of this officer in the office ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—He is only a clerk in the Head Office. But I may say how this incident happened. There is a temple close to this office. There was some performance going on in the temple, and lest the bus standing on the road might become an hindrance, he took it inside. He did not know the rule at the time, and he was severely warned.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Did not the sentry order him not to get inside?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—It is stated here 'yes.'

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Even though the sentry stopped him, he did not stop but went inside. How many sentries were there?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—One.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is that not disobeying the orders of the Police, and does it not amount to an offence?

President.—It is said that he disobeyed the order and that he was severely warned.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Are there two kinds of warnings, severe and mild?

President.—There is the simple warning, severe warning, then censure and then severe censure and then black mark. There are different grades of punishment.

Construction of the Velanthavalam Bridge.

295. Dr. A. G. Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state regarding the Velanthavalam Bridge:—

(1) is the bridge completed; if so, when ; if not, how long will it take for completion ;

(2) what amount has the Government spent on the bridge;

(3) was there any contributions from the Coimbatore District Board or the Provincial Government ;

(4) is the Darbar aware that the road connecting the bridge with the main road on the Coimbatore side has not yet been completed ;

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